

STATEMENT OF WORK
Cultural Resources Archival Research
Maine

June 4, 2004

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MAINE MODIFICATIONS

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The deliverables listed below apply to this individual cultural resources compliance activity. For other planned cultural resources compliance deliverables, refer to those specific Statements of Work.

NOTE: NRCS retains responsibility for all decision-making and consultation required of Federal agencies related to compliance with several resources protection laws, including but not limited to the National Historic Preservation act (NHPA), the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. Technical Service Providers (TSPs) are expected to gather information to enable NRCS' compliance with the NHPA and must meet the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualification standards as specified in Section 112(a)(1)(A) of the Act and in the implementing regulations for section 106 of the NHPA at 36 CFR 800.2(a)(1) and 800.2(a)(3). Such TSPs shall be used in accordance with 36 CFR 800.2(a)(3) ("Use of contractors"). TSPs shall work with the program participants to ensure that all approvals, authorities, rights, permits, and easements necessary for conduct of this cultural resources activity have been obtained prior to implementation of the work.

References

- Archaeology and Historic Preservation; Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines
- National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106
- 36 CFR 800; Protection of Historic Properties
- NRCS National Cultural Resources Procedures Handbook
- NRCS General Manual 420 Part 401
- National Environmental Compliance Handbook

Professional Qualification Standards

The principal investigator and anyone functioning as lead field investigator must meet the minimum professional qualifications listed in "Archeology and Historic Preservation; Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines" for the type of services needed:

History
Archaeology
Architectural History

United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Archival Research

Archival research or background research is undertaken prior to any field survey. The archival research is often carried out as part of an identification survey but may be undertaken as a stand-alone study to develop the necessary data to decide if an identification survey is warranted. Possible sources include, but are not limited to, historical maps, atlases, tax records, deeds, photographs, ethnographies, the state preservation plan, SHPO/state archaeologist or other state site files, National Register of Historic Places, folk life documentation, oral histories, previous studies, local informants, local historical/archaeological societies.

Deliverables

Report

Archival research reports, if prepared for a stand-alone study, shall contain enough information for NRCS to make an informed decision and/or finding and for an outside party to understand the basis for that decision or finding. This report shall contain, at minimum, the following information with any appropriate illustrations:

1. Area researched (i.e., undertaking's area of potential effects [APE])
2. Methods used (which research sources were used; e.g., SHPO site files)
3. Historic context (classes of cultural resources likely to be found and brief descriptions of associated prehistoric and/or historic periods), including information gathered from any background research conducted and a summary of earlier cultural resource studies in or near the project's APE
4. Results
 - a. Outcome of research
 - i. Description of any known cultural resources present with comments on status with respect to National Register of Historic Places
 - ii. Likelihood of unknown cultural resources (and their significance) within the APE
 - b. Recommendations for additional archival research or actions